

PERFORMANCE BASED SEISMIC DESIGN OF REINFORCED CONCRETE STRUCTURES IN MADINAH

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ABSTRACT

One of the major natural calamities is earth quake, which come arise due to ground shakes. The variations of earthquake forces are random and have different intensity from place to place. Low rise buildings easily withstand against these accelerations as compared to high rise buildings which are succumbed to damage more rigorously. The Western region of Saudi Arabia lies in low to moderate seismicity regions. Majority of the structures built are seismically active & are designed primarily for combination of gravity and wind loads with no consideration of seismic loading. The areas near the holy city of Madinah city recorded seismic events of magnitude 5.7 in 2009. Therefore the performance based analysis of buildings are required to understand the seismic performances. The seismic design of masonry in-filled RC frame buildings is handled in different ways across the world.

Keywords: seismic retrofitting, Structural dynamics, earthquake engineering.

INTRODUCTION

Structures are vulnerable to Earthquakes and dynamic loading and they must be properly evaluated in design, as they greatly affect stability. The key factor is acceleration which is based on concept of Performance based seismic design. In this method, a model is developed using seismic design to comprehend the structural real behavior (ASCE 2010). The Western region of Saudi Arabia lies in low to moderate seismicity regions. Majority of the structures built are seismically active & are designed primarily for combination of gravity and wind loads with no consideration of seismic loading Alguhane (2014). The areas near the holy city of Madinah city recorded seismic events of magnitude 5.7 in 2009. Therefore, analysis of such buildings is required to understand the seismic performances. (Bhatti 2013, 2016, Varum et al., 2013).

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

This study focuses on performance based seismic design (PBSD) of high rise buildings of commercial and residential area of the Madinah province of Saudi Arabia. These buildings were constructed in late eighties and early nineties. The selected buildings are modeled in SAP 2000 and pushover analysis (nonlinear static analysis) is done, subjecting to monotonically increasing loads until the performance level is achieved. Nonlinear static procedure is simply based on the assumption that the response of a structure can be related to the response of an equivalent single degree of freedom system. The simulation models of the building are shown in Fig. 1. and Fig 2 for unbraced frame and braced framed respectively.

The results from analysis are shown in various hinge colours. The fourteen hinges fall in collapse point (CP) and two hinges in collapse for unbraced frame. However by providing cross bracing the collapse point hinges and collapse hinges will be shifted within the safety limits.

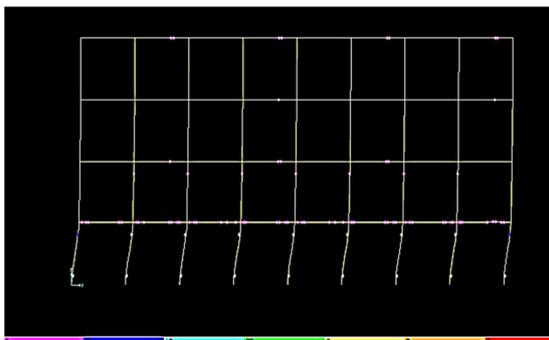


Fig. 1 - Formation of Hinges for Unbraced Model

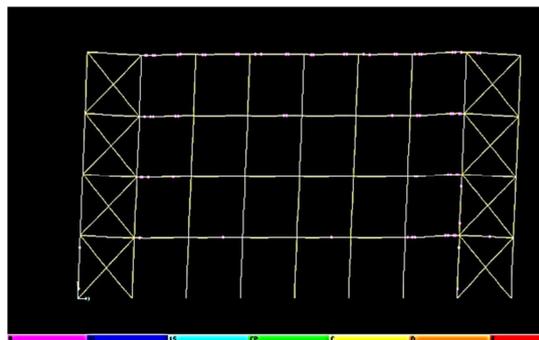


Fig. 2 - Hinges for Braced Model

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